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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte WILLIAM T. FLORENCE

Application No. 09/851,480
Technology Center 3600

Mailed: December 15, 2008

Before GLORIA HENDERSON, *Review Team Paralegal*
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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 29, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On January 29, 2008, applicant filed a timely Reply Brief. In accordance with the revision effective September 13, 2004, Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §'41.43 states:

(a)(1)... the primary examiner must acknowledge receipt and entry of the reply brief. In addition, the primary examiner may withdraw the final rejection and reopen prosecution or may furnish a supplemental examiner's answer responding to any new issue raised in the reply brief.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the Examiner;

1) for consideration and proper response to the Reply Brief filed January 29, 2008; and

2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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